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**TWO WOMEN SENTENCED ON METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION  
AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Maria Fonseca and Martha Perez, were both sentenced to 292 months in federal prison for distribution of methamphetamine and 240 months, to run concurrently, for money laundering the proceeds of their methamphetamine distribution operation.

"Methamphetamine destroys lives and ruins families. These two women received justly harsh sentences for their roles in this drug distribution operation that contributed to the methamphetamine epidemic facing America," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

Testimony at the June trial revealed that the methamphetamine was being manufactured in Mexico and then smuggled into California before reaching Texas. Once the methamphetamine was in Texas, it was "cut" using horse vitamins, resulting in 40 pounds of methamphetamine for each 10 pounds that was brought from California. Once the methamphetamine was "cut", it produced in excess of 500 pounds of methamphetamine that was sold on the streets in Texas at a price of \$4500 per pound at the wholesale distribution level.

After delivering the drugs to Texas, Defendant Perez would then take the cash proceeds from the sale of the drugs back to California.

This case was investigated by the Waco Treasury Task Force which is comprised of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, McLennan County Sheriff Office, Woodway Police Department, and the Irving Police Dept. The Drug Enforcement Agency also assisted in the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney's Mark Frazier and Shelly Strimple prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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